

# **Impact Report** 2023-2024



### Thank You

This has been an incredible year for HAS Foundation. On behalf of the HAS Team, we would like to say thank you for your ongoing support through donations and community involvement but also for the genuine care, emotional support and compassion you show for paediatric palliative care families across South Australia.

Every year, many children with life-limiting illnesses and their families need our help. Living through the unimaginable, they need financial and emotional support and we work to deliver HAS programs designed to help them **Live for the Moment** and **Love for a Lifetime**.

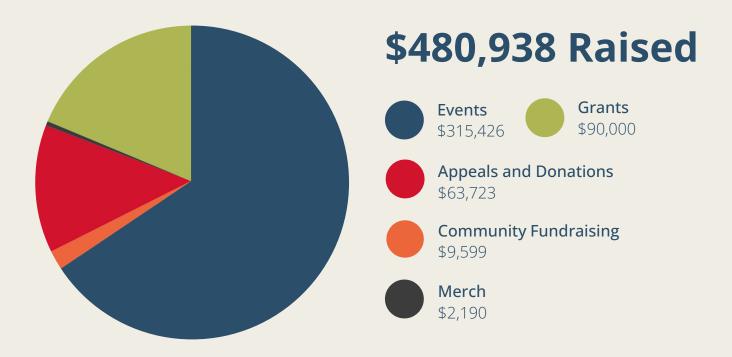
We hope this report shows you what we've achieved this year and the amazing impact we are having.

Thank you,

Ella, Jarrod and Team HAS



Live for the Moment Love for a Lifetime.





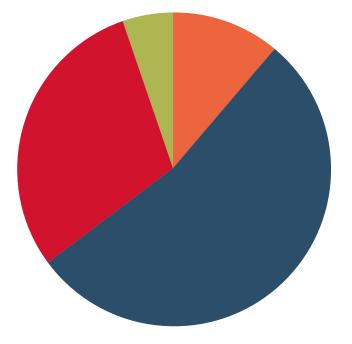
\$130,803 Raised from our Mother's Day Luncheon



\$177,974 Raised from our Live for the Moment Gala and celebrating Hunter's 21st birthday



\$90,000 Thanks to Morialta Charitable Trust, Burton Foundation and other private philanthropic foundations.



# \$222,587 Given





**Care Pack Program** \$66,887

Women's and Children's **Hospital Foundation** \$25,000

Other NFP's \$11,700

## How we've supported families 2023-2024



#### **HAS to Drive**

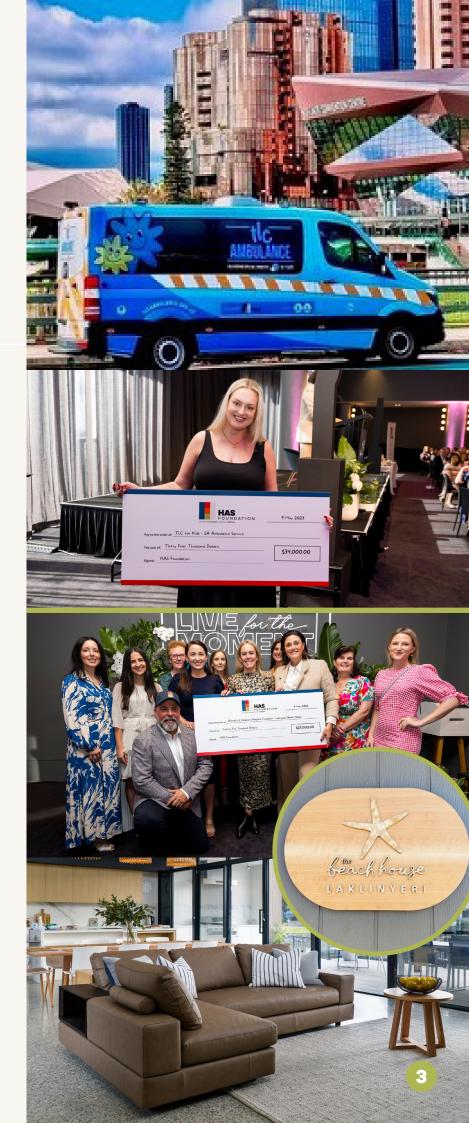
We have now donated a total of \$134,000 to date, supporting TLC for Kids to bring their special ambulance program to South Australia. As the Major Sponsor, we are proud to be part of this valuable transport

program and it's future here in SA, helping paediatric palliative families to make memories that will last a lifetime.



#### Memory Making Moments at 'Laklinyeri'

We've donated another \$25,000 to provide memory making activities for families staying at The Women's and Children's Hospital Foundation 'Laklinyeri' Beach House. As a Program Partner, this brings our total donated amount to \$100,000 to date.



## How we've supported families 2023-2024



#### HAS to Eat

Through our partnership with South Australian company, Bowlsome, we're providing paediatric palliative care families with a \$200 voucher so they can access healthy meals delivered to hospital or home, as needed.



#### 48 Care Packs

Donated to newly referred families to the Paediatric Palliative Care Service at the Women's and Children's Hospital. "Thank you HAS Team, for the lovely Mother's Day gift. It means a lot to me, especially after he passed away just before Christmas. He was only 2 and a half.

Your beautiful team has done so much for families of sick children. Please keep up the amazing work."







#### 45 Mother's Day Gifts

Delivered to first year bereaved mothers across South Australia to show our care and support.



#### **100 Christmas Gifts**

Sent out to South Australian families to spread some love and support during the holiday season.



#### 45 Father's Day Gifts

Sent to acknowledge and support first year bereaved fathers in South Australia.



#### 20 Baby Beats Bears

Donated to peri-natal families and those in the NICU ward at the Women's and Children's Hospital.

### How we've supported families 2023-2024

"I just wanted to say a huge thank you. I remember the moment the palliative care team gave us a care pack and explained what it was, we both just burst into tears... it was just so wonderful to know that there were people out there thinking of us at such a crappy time in our lives...'



#### **Special Gifts**

Birthdays are special, so when asked to help organise a surprise 16th birthday party for palliative patient Brooklynn, we were delighted to deliver a Barbie Beach Doll cake, balloons, some gifts and a special video message from Brooklynn's favourite Adelaide Crows player, Ben Keays.



#### Meals on Us

Sometimes the paediatric palliative care nurses need to have a private discussion with parents over coffee or families need a quick meal together in between medical appointments. As part of our care for families, we pick up the bill on their behalf and the Cathedral Hotel becomes a special place they can go while still being close by.

*Recently we were contacted by a bereaved* mum wanting to express her gratefulness for the lovely surprise she received on her first Mother's Day since her child passed away.

Despite her grief, it was heartwarming to hear how the gift from HAS Foundation had bought her some joy during an otherwise extraordinary hard time."





#### **50 Sherrin Footballs**

Bringing some footy fever to the hospital, we donated footballs to palliative and long-term patients and their families during the 2024 AFL Gather Round.





50 Lego Boxes

We delivered boxes of Lego for siblings and patients, who spend hours in hospital with their families, especially over the July school holidays. We know hospitals aren't that fun sometimes, so we want to bring a smile to their faces.

## Program Updates

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#### **Brave and Able Bears**

We are always thinking of ways to support the whole family, including siblings of children in paediatric palliative care. We now provide Brave and Able Bears to help siblings navigate big feelings by copying easy breathing techniques to calm their nervous system.





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#### **Our Hunter Bear**

This cuddly friend is bringing smiles and happiness to palliative care children and their families. We include our beautiful Hunter Bears in our Christmas gifts and care packs.

# HAS to Support

To assist with the ever-increasing rise in cost of living, we have increased the value of our supermarket and Uber vouchers to assist families in need. Palliative care families now receive \$100 supermarket vouchers to assist with their weekly groceries and Uber vouchers to help with transport to and from hospital.



# **Special Events**

#### LIVE for the MOMENT GALA

The HAS Foundation LIVE for the MOMENT GALA was a party with purpose and our first ever evening event. Celebrating 5 years of HAS Foundation and what would have been Hunter's 21st Birthday, we raised \$177,974 to support HAS programs. We also kick started our mission to bring the TLC for Kids Ambulance to South Australia with an \$80,000 cheque donated to them on the night.





SATURDAY SEP 9TH

QUEENS THEATRE





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Happy Birthday Hunter

#### 2024 HAS Foundation Mother's Day Luncheon

Our 2024 HAS Foundation Mother's Day Luncheon, proudly presented by SkyCity Adelaide raised \$130,803 to support paediatric palliative care families across South Australia. We celebrated motherhood; where love grows and friendships flourish.





#### Walk with A Pal

Over 100 Walkers joined us for our 6th Annual Walk with a Pal. This is a much loved community event on our calendar, in memory of Hunter and all the palliative care families. We walk to remember loved ones, connect with others, reflect and to raise awareness about paediatric palliative care.



Connect, reflect and join us "WALK WITH A PAL" Sunday November 5, 2023

# Snippets

#### **Packing Days**

100 beautiful HAS Christmas surprise gifts were lovingly packed by our incredible HAS volunteers at our December packing day.





#### **HAS Gives**

HAS Foundation sponsored the 2024 Adaptive Surfing Byron Bay Australian Championships in March, supporting over 100 competitors with exceptional skills from all around the world.

#### **Speaking Opportunities**

Our founder, Ella, was invited to share her family's story at the Women's and Children's Hospital Palliative Care Service team training day. As a bereaved parent, giving insight like this into staff training programs is invaluable in ensuring families are well supported during their hospital visits.



# Community Spirit THANK YOU



HAS Foundation was the chosen charity partner for the 2024 Adelaide Polo Club Inc. Season with over \$2000 raised between two events.



Two Wells Primary School held a school fundraiser and donated \$204 to HAS Foundation.

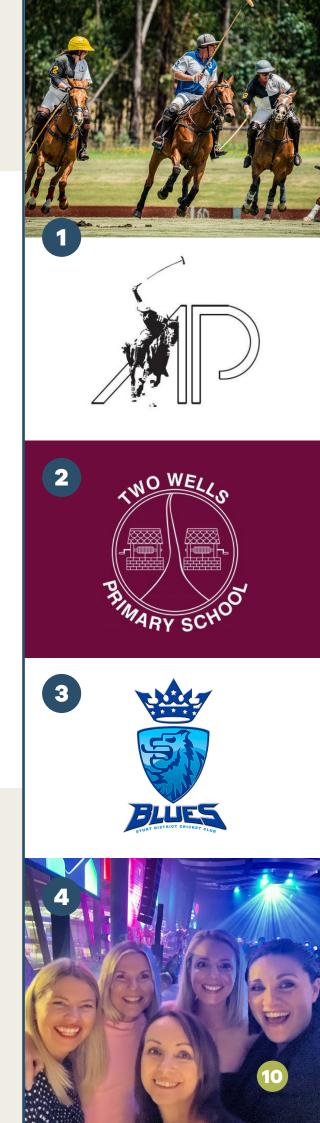


Sturt District Cricket Club hosted a Christmas Spit Lunch in December 2023 in honour of the Dunn Family, who lost their 14-year-old son. The family are part of the Sturt Cricket Club community and have also been supported by HAS over the past few years. \$2500 was raised and donated.



HAS Foundation was chosen by ANZ staff as a minor charity partner for the ANZ Community Ball held in March, receiving \$5000 and recognition on the night.

Thank you to every supporter and group who has fundraised for HAS Foundation in 2023-2024. Your support for families is inspiring! EVERY LITTLE BIT COUNTS



# HAS In The News

#### Thank you to The Advertiser Foundation for their generous support

### **Gathering round sick** kids with footy fun

#### Antimo Iannella

The spirit of AFL's Gather Round came to the Women's and Children's Hospital on Friday, with 50 Sherrin footballs delivered to sick kids.

Aviana Power-Adams, 6, is a huge footy fan, but has been in hospital since September with gastroschisis, also known as short bowel syndrome.

Her mother Tenille Power said the courageous youngster

lit up when she saw the colourful footballs, which arrived courtesy of the HAS Foundation.

"Aviana was absolutely delighted to see all the footballs being delivered and it really brightened up her day," Ms Power said. "She had so much fun throwing the footballs around ... with her nurses."

Focused on children in longterm and pediatric palliative care, the initiative was about showing support for families enduring tough times, co-foun-

der Ella Stratton said. "Children with life-limiting illnesses in pediatric palliative care need to spend long periods of time in hospital, so we thought why not bring a little footy cheer to them and even their siblings, who we can't forget and hopefully put a little smile on all of their faces during the Gather Round," she said.

The HAS Foundation was founded by Ella and Jarrod

Stratton, who lost their eldest son Hunter almost 9 years ago to an undiagnosed illness at age 12. The foundation raises funds for children living with life-limiting illnesses.

"Hunter loved footy season and loved watching the footy," Ms Stratton said. "Whether that meant watching it live at Adelaide Oval, when we could get him there, snuggled up at home or even the times he was in hospital - he loved all the action.



### HAS FOUNDATION **WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR 2023** SPONSORS AND **SUPPORTERS**

#### WHO WE ARE

We exist to create a world where paediatric palliative care is well funded and supported, and every family caring for a child with a life-limiting illness gets the chance to create memories that last a lifetime.

#### WHAT WE DO

We provide financial and emotional support to children with life-limiting illnesses and their families. Everything we do is designed to make the hardest of times a little more gentle to help these families to create moments of fun and laughter-moments that turn into beautiful, lifelong memories.

### 'Party with a purpose' for sick kids

Twenty-first birthdays have always been a cause for celebration, but this year the Stratton family of Henley Beach will be throwing a special "party with a purpose" in honour of their late son Hunter's special day.

Adelaide's Queen Theatre will host the HAS Foundation's first Live for the Moment Gala on September 9 to raise funds for children in pediatric palliative care and their families.

The HAS Foundation, which

is named after Hunter and provides support for children with life-limiting illnesses, will also be celebrating its 5th anniversary since it was founded by Ella and Jarrod Stratton.

"We thought what better way to celebrate and have a party with a purpose to raise great funds (and) celebrate two milestone events," Ms Stratton said.

Tickets at events.humanitix.com/has-foundation-livefor-the-moment-gala.



As we come to the end of the year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing sponsors and partners, who supported our 2 major fundraising events this year. With their help we've raised well over \$200,000 which will go directly to supporting South Australian children with life-limiting illnesses in paediatric palliative care and their families through the Women's and Children's Hospital.

We could not have delivered these incredible events with such success without their help.

#### **MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON**









#### LIVE FOR THE MOMENT GALA











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## Thank you to our 2023-2024 Sponsors & Key Program Partners



### Can You Help?

Together, we can make the journey a little more gentle for families with children in paediatric palliative care.

If you would like to get involved in fundraising, corporate casual days, packing days, or running an event to support us, please contact us at

hello@hasfoundation.org.au



## **Our Mission**

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#### www.hasfoundation.org.au

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